International refugee law and advocacy

Overview
The short course provides an in depth examination of the law and politics of legal advocacy for the rights of refugees, with a particular focus on Asia. The course explores the various mechanisms through which refugee law is developed and can be enforced. In adopting this focus, it seeks to address the contemporary challenge of those advocating on behalf of refugees: how can we engage the state and the international community so as to better enable refugees to enjoy the rights to which they are entitled?

A rights-based approach to legal advocacy for the rights of refugees in Asia grounded in real-life, contemporary case studies

Course content
• Analysis of the structure and elements of international refugee law
• Exploration of judicial engagement, including the use of international legal arguments and the strategic litigation of refugee rights
• Analysis of domestic refugee laws and advocacy for law reform
• Developing new fora for refugee advocacy, including developing national legislative caucuses and engaging local government
• The role of national human rights institutions and UN bodies (including UNHCR and the mechanisms of the Human Rights Council) in monitoring and protecting the rights of refugees

Why attend?
Whatever your level of involvement with refugee issues, this course will provide you with a deeper understanding of the legal frameworks that govern their rights and new ideas for advocacy based upon current case studies drawn from across Asia. Whether you are a post-graduate student, international agency staff, an NGO worker, lawyer or otherwise interested in refugee issues, the course will provide you with a new, rigorous, rights-based understanding of legal advocacy for refugee rights.

Formal post-graduate academic credit available.

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